



# Northumberland Collections Service

## Websites

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The websites listed below are all bookmarked on the public access computers in our Study Centre at Woodhorn. The machines are configured so that only these sites can be viewed. If you would like to suggest other sites that relate to either family or local history that might be of interest to our users please speak with a member of our staff.

### Census Returns

URL: [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

Pay per view site that allows users to search digitised copies of the 1851-1901 census returns for England & Wales and download digital copies of returns

URL: [www.1901censusonline.com](http://www.1901censusonline.com)

Pay per view site that allows users to search digitised copies of the 1901 census returns for England & Wales and download digital copies of returns

URL: [www.1837online.com](http://www.1837online.com)

Pay per view site that allows users to search and view digitised copies of the 1861 & 1891 census returns for most of England & Wales.

URL: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Free to view site that includes searchable transcriptions of the 1881 census returns for England & Wales; the 1880 census returns for The United States of America and the 1881 Canadian census.

URL: [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

Pay per view site that allows users to search digitised copies of the 1851-1901 census returns for Scotland and download digital copies of returns.

### Parish Registers

URL: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Free to view site that includes transcriptions of baptism and marriage entries extracted from many British Anglican and non-conformist parish registers. Also includes transcripts of similar information extracted from church registers throughout the world.

URL: [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

Pay per view site that allows users to search a database of Church of Scotland (OPRS) births, baptism, banns and marriage registers to 1854.

#### Civil Registration Records

URL: [www.1837online.com](http://www.1837online.com)

Pay per view site that allows users to search and view the English and Welsh indexes to births, marriages and deaths, 1837-2004.

URL: [www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk)

Free to view site that allows users to view transcriptions of in the region of 112 million civil birth, marriage and death indexes covering the period 1837-1983.

URL: [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk)

Official site of the General Register Office of England of Wales. Site allows online ordering of birth, marriage and death certificates.

URL: [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

Pay per view site that allows users to search Scottish birth records, 1855-1905; marriage records, 1855-1930 and death records, 1855-1955. The same site allows users to view digitised copies of certificates.

URL: [www.ndfhs.fsnet.co.uk/RegIndex.html](http://www.ndfhs.fsnet.co.uk/RegIndex.html)

Free to view site that allows users to search transcribed indexes of births, 1837-1870 & marriages, 1837-1900 registered in Newcastle upon Tyne registration district. Same site allows online ordering of certificates from Newcastle upon Tyne Registry Office.

URL: [www.durham.gov.uk/gro](http://www.durham.gov.uk/gro)

Free to view site that allows users to search indexes of births, marriages and deaths registered in County Durham. Same site allows online ordering of certificates.

URL: [www.middlesbrough-indexes.co.uk](http://www.middlesbrough-indexes.co.uk)

Free to view site that allows users to search indexes of births, marriages and deaths registered at Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Stockton, Redcar & Cleveland Registry offices. Same site allows online ordering of certificates.

URL: [www.fhsc.org.uk/genuki/reg/regoff.html](http://www.fhsc.org.uk/genuki/reg/regoff.html)

List of all Registry Offices in England and Wales with links to those that allow online ordering of certificates.

URL: [www.northumberland.gov.uk/register](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/register)

Web pages of Northumberland County Council Registration Service.

URL: [www.familyrecords.gov.uk/frc](http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk/frc)

Web pages of The Family Records Centre, Islington, London. Centre holds indexes to and copies of all civil registration records for births, marriages and deaths and in England and Wales from 1 July 837 to date.

#### Army Ancestry.

URL: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/)

Pay per view site that allows users to view digitised copies of World War One Medal Roll cards.

URL: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

Online catalogue includes lists of World War One officers' service records (class WO339).

URL: [www.gazettes-online.co.uk](http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk)

Free to view online digital copies of The London Gazette. Wartime editions include references to servicemen awarded gallantry medals and referred to in despatches.

URL: [www.collectionscanada.ca](http://www.collectionscanada.ca)

Site of The National Archives of Canada. 'Soldiers of the First World War' database includes reference to 600,000 service records of men who served in the Canadian expeditionary Force in World War One. Records include free to view digitised copies of attestation papers.

#### Coal Miner Ancestors.

URL: [www.tomorrows-history.com](http://www.tomorrows-history.com)

Site includes free to view digital copies from The Northumberland Coalowners' Mutual Protection Association (NCOMPA) records detailing compensation claims made as a result of injuries and deaths suffered in coalmines in Northumberland.

URL: [www.dmm.org.uk](http://www.dmm.org.uk)

Site of the Durham Mining Museum. Includes database of names of men killed in mining accidents in the north of England. Also contains useful information about the history of collieries in the region.

#### Wills.

URL: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

The National Archives have mounted digitised images of wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) on their website. These cover the period 1384-1858 and comprise more than 1 million documents. The indexes are free to search. Users then have the option of downloading an image of the will for a fee of £3.50.

URL: [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

Pay per view site that allows free searching of an index to Scottish wills and testaments, 1513-1901. Digitised copies of documents can be purchased for £5.

## Maps.

URL: [www.tomorrows-history.com](http://www.tomorrows-history.com)

Free to view site includes digitised copies of historic six inch to one mile Ordnance Survey maps for the north east of England.

URL: <http://communities.northumberland.gov.uk>

Free to view site containing digitised copies of 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, pre-Ordnance Survey maps, tithe maps and Land Valuation maps for 76 Northumberland communities.

URL: [www.old-maps.co.uk](http://www.old-maps.co.uk)

Free to view site allows access to digital copies of old editions of Ordnance Survey maps of Britain.

URL: [www.keystothepast.info](http://www.keystothepast.info)

Free to view site that includes mapping from the first edition (circa 1860) through to the present day.

## Gazetteers

URL: [www.visionofbritain.org.uk](http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk)

Free to view site that allows you to search on modern and historical place names. Include mapping that shows location of place, extracts from 19<sup>th</sup> century gazetteers and details of administrative units in which place lay.

## Local Record Offices & Libraries.

URL: [www.northumberland.gov.uk/collections](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/collections)

Website of Northumberland Collections Service.

URL: <http://communities.northumberland.gov.uk>

Northumberland Communities website includes digitised samples of maps, photographs and other documents relating to the history of 76 Northumberland Communities.

URL: [www.newcastle.gov.uk/tlt/](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/tlt/)

Free to view website comprising of 7000 searchable images of Newcastle upon Tyne and Tyneside.

URL: [www.newcastle.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/libraries)

Website of Newcastle City Library. Library has a very strong family and local history collection.

URL: [www.durham.gov.uk/recordoffice](http://www.durham.gov.uk/recordoffice)

Website of Durham Record Office.

URL: [www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/)

Website of Archives & Special Collections, University of Durham.

URL: [www.tyneandweararchives.org.uk](http://www.tyneandweararchives.org.uk)

Website of Tyne and Wear Archives Service.

URL: [www.northumberlandlibraries.com](http://www.northumberlandlibraries.com)

Website of Northumberland library Service. Includes full GEAC catalogue of library holdings.

National Record Offices & Libraries.

URL: [www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk)

Website of The British Library.

URL: [www.nas.gov.uk](http://www.nas.gov.uk)

Website of The National Archives of Scotland.

URL: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

Website of the National Archives of the UK.

URL: [www.proni.gov.uk](http://www.proni.gov.uk)

Website of The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

URL: [www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie)

Website of The National Archives of Ireland.

Local Societies.

URL: [www.ndfhs.org.uk](http://www.ndfhs.org.uk)

Website of the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society. Society has an extensive library at Bolbec Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne.

URL: [www.newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk](http://www.newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk)

Website of The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne.

## General Family History Websites.

URL: [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)

Free to view website containing much useful information relating to genealogy in the UK and Ireland. Includes information re. holdings in local Record Offices and libraries, topographical information relating to counties and parishes, general source information and links to other useful websites.

URL: [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

Free to view American site containing much useful information about worldwide family history.

## Other Useful Websites.

URL: [www.medicinenet.co.uk](http://www.medicinenet.co.uk)

Medical website – useful for identifying causes of death noted on death certificates.

URL: [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org).

Free to view site comprising searchable digital library of directories for England and Wales, 1750-1919.

URL: [www.workhouses.org.uk](http://www.workhouses.org.uk)

Free to view site that provides a brief history of all workhouses known to have existed in the UK and Ireland and a list of and location of all known extant records.

URL: [www.churchplansonline.org](http://www.churchplansonline.org)

Free to view website that includes digital copies of church plans.

URL: [www.northpennineancestors.co.uk](http://www.northpennineancestors.co.uk)

Free to view site that includes much useful information for researchers with ancestors in the north Pennines.

Northumberland Collections Service is committed to providing a quality service to all its users and therefore this information is also available in Large Print and via the Internet. The Internet address is

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/collections>

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